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Roads wash out across county

Jenn Watt Editor

A storm that dropped between 50 and 80 millimetres of rain on Haliburton County washed out several roads, leaving residents stranded and roads workers scrambling June 30.

The unusual amount of rain, the day before Canada Day, shifted roads departments across the county into high gear with fewer workers available and more traffic.

"We had a heck of a time getting enough people to barricade things [right after the rainfall]," said Haliburton County director of public works Doug Ray.

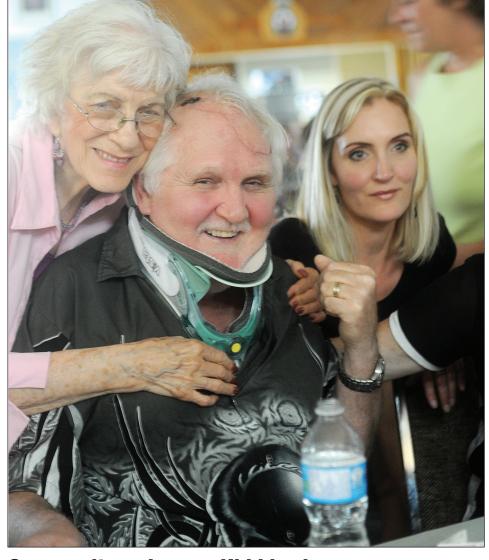
On Monday evening, after the major deluge, workers hurried around the county putting up signs to stop drivers from attempting to pass over dangerous ground.

Tuesday morning, workers started repairs and then another heavy rain came along.

"We get heavy rains in this time of year," said Ray, "We kind of anticipate and get ready for that, but this came so fast."

The county closed three of its roads due to water damage: 21 between Haliburton and Minden; 10 north of Loop Road near Wilberforce; and 14 north of Highway 118 toward Eagle Lake.

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Community welcomes Kidd back

On Saturday, July 5, Gord Kidd and the 50/50 band put on a performance at the Haliburton Legion. The performance was a musical celebration of Kidd's ongoing recovery following an ATV accident on May 31. During a break from playing and singing he was surrounded by friends and family giving him hugs, kisses and well wishes.

"I'm really grateful to be anywhere at this point in my life," said Kidd, "and I'm so thankful for the cards, the wishes, the emails, the Facebooks. We sit, [my wife] Kathryn and I, when it's quiet and there's no one around. We put on the fireplace and we'll sit there, and I tell you, we'll literally cry just tears of happiness to be in a community as wonderful as Haliburton is." **Zach Cox** Staff

County reps pleased with Naqvi meeting

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors took their concerns with the proposed OPP billing model to the province on July 3 and were happy with the feedback, although it remains unclear what a new funding formula might look like.

A delegation from the county travelled to Queen's Park for a meeting with Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi.

That delegation included Highlands East Reeve and county warden Dave Burton, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and county treasurer Laura Janke, as well as residents John McHardy and Gary Wiles, retired OPP members who have assisted the county in the drafting of data reports related to the billing issue.

The billing model that has been advocated by the province would see collective OPP costs in Haliburton County spike by more than \$5 million in 2015, from \$3.3 to more than \$8.5 million.

It had been anticipated the formula would be adopted by the ministry as soon as June, but the legislature was dissolved on May 2 to make way for the June 12 election.

During the election campaign, councillors spoke to Naqvi in a conference call orchestrated by Liberal candidate Rick Johnson, where they were promised a faceto-face meeting if the Liberals again formed government.

That meeting took place Thursday.

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Man charged with attempted murder

A 56-year-old man from Haliburton is facing multiple criminal charges, including attempted murder.

Grant Wallace of Dysart et al has been charged with forcible confinement, uttering threats, assault, choking, unauthorized possession of a firearm, careless use of a firearm and pointing a firearm, in addition to the attempted murder charge.

The incident occurred on July 3, when officers from the Criminal Investigations Unit of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP, with assistance from the Emergency Response Team responded to an address on Highway 118 in Dysart township.

No more information is being released at this time, due to the nature of the incident, said Paul Potter, OPP community

Information on the victim has not been made public.

The accused is being held at the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay until Friday for his next bail hearing, according

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Bus driver accused of impaired driving

A 63-year-old school bus driver from Dysart is facing charges of impaired driving and driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood after being stopped by the OPP on Friday, June 27 in front of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Aug. 6. There were no passengers on the bus.

Darren Lum Staff

Reid apologizes for flipping off constituent

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid has formally apologized to the community for giving a constituent the middle finger during Canada Day celebrations on Tuesday.

A picture of Reid making the gesture at resident Richard Bradley has been circulating the Internet since Bradley posted it to Facebook on July 1.

"I would like to express my deep regrets for the gesture I made," Reid said following a special council meeting the morning of July 3. "It's not something I normally do, it was not the right thing to do, despite whatever circumstances surrounding that. I would like to apologize to council, to staff and to the community for not representing the community the way I should have been. My apologies.

Reid has accused Bradley of harassment and stalking.

Bradley, who can often be spotted taking pictures at public events and who operates a Facebook page dealing with Minden Hills politics, says he does not stalk the reeve.

"I take pictures at weddings, at birthdays and at community events like Canada Day," Bradley told the *Minden* Times. "I am not a stalker. I am not a bully, as I have been accused of being by Reeve Barb Reid. I have been victim-

ized by an obscene gesture, I have been told to 'f*** off' by Barb Reid. Some might consider those actions to be those of a bully.

"If Reeve Barb Reid feels that my presence at a community Canada Day celebration, at which my wife was volunteering her time at the municipal table, with a cell phone camera in my hand requires an obscene gesture and profanity with young children and Legion members nearby then I feel sorry for all of our Minden Hills residents."

The controversial photo depicts the reeve outside the Minden post office on Canada Day, eating a hotdog and giving Bradley the one-fingered salute.

To her left is a group of children, to her right, members of the Minden Legion.

As of Thursday morning, the photo had been shared 315 times on Facebook, eliciting a flurry of appalled feedback. "Nice example in front of the children, Barb!" wrote one

"A sad display for a public figure," wrote another. "A sad

commentary on her values."

There were calls for her resignation and many comparisons to disgraced Toronto Mayor Rob Ford.

Some posts were much lewder.

On July 2, Reid gave an interview to CHEX Television, where she said she regretted making the gesture, again accusing Bradley of years of stalking, but said she had never

filed a police report about it.

Both Bradley and Reid said they reported the Canada Day altercation to the local

A day later, former Globe and Mail reporter Steve Ladurantaye, who now covers news and government for Twitter Canada, re-Tweeted the video of the CHEX news-

"Reeve gives finger to photog while eating hotdog at Canada Day picnic. 'Not something I usually do,' she says," Ladurantaye wrote, before posting the link to the

Ladurantaye has 18,600 Twitter followers.

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Day of the Duchene

On Sunday, July 6, Matt Duchene and his accomplishments were honoured through Matt Duchene Day. After some live music in Head Lake Park provided by the Maclay Experience, Duchene arrived in a parade and was congratulated by his former coach Stan Butler, MP Barry Devolin, and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.





Counter clockwise from top left; Duchene arrived at Head Lake Park in style, with a parade of police cars and fire trucks escorting him to the Haliburton Rotary Bandshell. Perched in the back of a convertible with his Olympic gold medal around his neck, Duchene high-fived those lined up along the pathway to watch him arrive.

Fans of all ages lined up in the park for a chance to speak to and get autographs and pictures with their hockey hero.

Fearrey presented Duchene with a key to the town, appropriately designed as a hockey stick.

Duchene and his girlfriend Ashley Grossaint talk with Scotty Morrison at the Matt Duchene Day meet and greet at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. The social event was followed by a buffet dinner and a question and answer period with Duchene.

Photos by Zach Cox



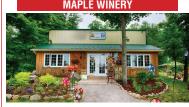


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Pond hockey group makes exit official

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships will not be returning to Haliburton County next winter.

"After many conversations and extending the deadline by a few weeks, we are now in a position where we have to make a final decision on the CNPHC for 2015," a release from chief organizer Neil Lumsden reads. "We know there has been much work done behind the scenes in the last few days and we appreciate this effort - as it has been our hope all along that we can make a solid business case to return to Haliburton as was outlined in our presentation to the county back in May of this year."

In May, county council turned down a request from J-Core Marketing, the company behind the event, to fund the tournament at \$25,000 a year for each of the next three years.

Council did agree to sponsor the event at \$10,000 a year for three years in return for promotional marketing.

"It is important to note that we respect the process and all decisions made around our proposal for 2015 as it relates to the CNPHC returning to Haliburton for 2015," the release reads. "In the end, we, the organizing committee, must do what is right for this event to continue moving for-

Lumsden thanked the volunteers and organizations that helped make the tournament's two-year run in Haliburton suc-

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'I think it's a done deal," Teljeur said. "The past month or so we've trying to find a way to keep it here."

The event brought about 1,500 people to play hockey on Haliburton Village's Head Lake in each of the winters of 2013 and 2014, drawing support from more than 100 volunteers.

The tournament created a degree of controversy among some residents since J-Core drew fees for staff salaries, software, office space, accommodations and travel expenses. The tournament itself is a registered as a not-for-profit event.

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New OPP formula likely coming in 2015: Fearrey

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"It was a good exchange, very open to the process," Fearrey told the paper. "He made it clear he'd probably be getting back to us with further comments as it gets closer to decision time."

While it's not clear when decision time will be, Fearrey said the province definitely intends to enact a new billing formula in

He thought it might be aiming for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference, which takes place in late August, for the announcement.

Councillors presented Naqvi with reports and what have become their standard talking points about why the model is flawed.

'It isn't fair to lump seasonal residences with permanent residences," said Fearrey, who said Naqvi and his staff took notes.

The proposed formula would reallocate OPP billing costs on a per-household basis throughout the province and weight seasonal and year-round residences equally.

Some 60 per cent of residences in the county are seasonal and if the formula was approved as it has been presented, Haliburton County would be paying for the equivalent of 54 police officers while the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment has 29.

To absorb the cost increase would equate to tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent throughout the county's four lower tiers and politicians have cited the county's inability to pay.

Burton said the county has been leading the way in advocating against the proposed model.

Here we are leading the charge and not getting a lot of help," he said. "I don't mean to be negative about it; we're not getting a

Other cottage country communities, including the District of Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes, would also be severely affected by the proposed formula.

Collectively, the District of Muskoka would actually be the biggest loser in the province, with annual policing costs rising from \$9.7 to \$17 million.

However, while some of its lower tiers would see increases, others would see their

costs go down.

In the City of Kawartha Lakes, OPP costs would rise from approximately \$6.2 million to \$9.7 million.

One-hundred ninety of the 323 municipalities served by the OPP would experience cost increases.

It was quite impressive, the whole proposal we put together for [the province]," Burton said. "Staff crunched the numbers ... and we [councillors] did the political end."

Janke has worked on a series of alternate models and has said that billing should be based on permanent population, maybe with a degree of weighting for seasonal resi-

"They're going to review it and look at it and that's what our ask was," Burton said.

MPP Laurie Scott also sat in on Thursday's meeting.

"We're happy the ministry met with them so quickly," Scott said. The new provincial government was sworn in July 2.

"They presented a well-articulated argument," Scott said. "I think the minister was receptive. He asked good questions.'

County councillors had met with previous minister Madeleine Meilleur during a February conference and were displeased were her lack of responsiveness.

OPP officers, whose contracts pay them at a rate equivalent to the highest-paid force in the province, received an 8.55 per cent salary increase in 2014. The average first-class constable, a position attainable in three years on the job, makes more than \$90,000 a year.

Scott said there needs to be a discussion about how to make policing costs more sus-

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It isn't fair to lump seasonal residences with permanent residences.

— Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey



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Staff at Butler Confectioners located in Haliburton help load a skid of peanut brittle, which will be delivered to the Montreal **Garrison for the Canadian Armed** Forces. The nearly 3,000 bags of brittle will be shipped to troops overseas. The initiative is part of Operation Santa Claus, and the company was contacted just over two weeks ago by the Canadian government. They were thrilled, said manager Gillian Brown.

"We're a humble, little business that's not even a year old," she said. Clockwise from front, Cheryl Lee, Jazmin Fisher, Gillian Brown, barry Butler, Derek Taylor, Brian Patrick and driver Paul McCougall of Meyers Transport. Missing from the photo is staff member Lorna Taylor.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Tourism shift: OHTO redefines target visitor

Jenn Watt Editor

To boost tourism in the region, Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization has taken a new approach to bringing in visitors.

OHTO has defined the "valued guest" - the type of visitor who comes for longer stays, takes part in more activities and is more engaged than those who typically frequent

On June 18, OHTO executive director Nicole Whiting spoke to the Haliburton County tourism stakeholders meeting at Fleming College about her organization's work on

developing its regional strategy.

"The markets that currently come here don't spend a lot of money," Whiting said.

Traditionally, this region, which stretches from Haliburton Highlands to the Ottawa Valley, has been supply based. That means accommodators, restaurants and other attractions created things to do and then advertised to get people to come and do those things.

Whiting proposed a demand approach: identify the customer and create experiences to attract that person.

"No longer is it sufficient to offer things to see and do," an information booklet from OHTO reads "Potential visitors now want to know what they are going to feel and remember about their visit. This means destinations must move beyond statistical profiling of a target market and identify and gain a deeper understanding of their valued guest."

The "valued guest" is how OHTO defines the type of tourist the region is targeting. Following a study with the province's other 13 regional tourism organizations and the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation, "OHTO was able to identify the consumer segment that offered the greatest potential for growth in Ontario's Highlands," the booklet reads.

They define this person as the "connected explorer" - a young demographic (44 per cent between 18 and 34; 41 per cent between 35 and 54) that tends to do more when travelling and is looking for life-enhancing experiences. The number of people on the average trip with the connected explorer is 2.8 and the average trip length is 5.8 days. Their household income is \$93,080 and their average travel budget is \$4,267.

Some tourism stakeholders questioned this demographic, saying the people visiting the Highlands now didn't match that definition.

One resort owner said he had noticed at his location the tourists were largely of South Asian descent and travelled as family units, sometimes with five or seven people.

A bed and breakfast owner said her clientele was older than the "connected explorer."

Whiting said while those things were true, OHTO had identified the "valued guest" as the market with greatest 'potential yield and growth down the road."

She said choices had to be made about who the Highlands is marketing to and that the region cannot be "everything to everyone.

In order to attract the connected explorer, tourism operators will need to offer enhanced experiences, Whiting told

She gave the example of a maple syrup producer. To attract the valued guest, rather than just selling syrup, the producer would offer activities such as tasting and dining, and additionally, would offer an experience package where the visitor could tap trees or boil sap himself.

Whiting said that Ontario as a province is underperforming in the tourism sector and the regional tourism organizations are working to turn that around.

"We have to get our ducks in a row at home first," she said. There is national funding available, but the region must be ready for that funding.

Since the connected explorer is more likely to use social media and the Internet than other demographics, OHTO has hired a woman to engage them that way.

Using the hashtag #OHLETSGO the staff person is vis-

Potential visitors now want to know what they are going to feel and remember about their visit.

— OHTO Information Booklet



iting tourist attractions throughout the area and will be tweeting about it as she goes. Additionally, she will be shooting video of her experiences.

The tourism stakeholders group meets the third Wednesday of every month at 10 to 11:30 a.m. and are held at the Pinestone and is open to everyone who is engaged in the tourism sector across the Haliburton Highlands. Besides having guests such as Whiting, the group offers the chance to network, promote upcoming events and discuss challenges faced by the industry.

According to co-chair Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors, between 20 and 40 operators usually come to the meetings

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Lessons learned

AST MONDAY we had a storm with more water coming down more quickly than Haliburton County has seen in a long time.

According to the Ministry of Natural Resources, between 50 and 80 millimetres of rain fell on June 30, followed by another unspecified

amount on Canada Day and then again on Wednesday.

A few things we learned last week:

1. Our roads departments can seem small

Dysart's 15 roads employees stretched over 320 kilometres of roads don't go a long way when there is widespread flood-

Public works director Brian Nicholson just laughed when asked how many roads were washed out last

week. "Lots" was his answer. 2. Even with a small staff, much can be done

As the rain came pouring down Monday afternoon, Nicholson was working the phones, getting as many of his employees in to work as possible. Many municipal workers across the county gave up their Canada Day to staff phones, put up barricades and get the area's roads back in shape.

At the county level, public works director Doug Ray was shortstaffed because many roads workers take the week of Canada Day off. Monday was spent just getting barriers up to keep people from driving their cars into gaping holes in the roads.

Workers who had plans dropped

them to make sure roadways were passable during one of the most hectic weeks of the year for the Highlands.

3. Local contractors can make the difference

Much of the repair work across the county was done by local contractors. Without their assistance.

> we would all have had a much harder time getting around last week.

> 4. Better preparation is needed

While everyone was moving in high gear through the rain to get roads open, there were residents who were stranded - sometimes for days. The Echo received phone calls from some people who were stuck on

Farquhar Lake after Buxton Road near Wilberforce was flooded. Emergency vehicles were able to traverse the deep water, but it was too much for smaller cars. Those who couldn't get out worried about food and supplies. A central help number to call - for nonemergencies - would have greatly helped alleviate the anxiety and provide better information for people trapped at the cottage.

5. Think of the big picture

As Nicholson said at the end of last week: people need to remember how much water dropped on Haliburton County. It was hard for workers to cope because it was an unusual amount of water that fell in an unusually short span of time.

It was inconvenient and frustrating, but in the bigger picture we made out all right.



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Goose parade

by Darren Lum

Party's over

NOTHER PROVINCIAL election has come and gone and Ontarians are looking at four years of rule by a very unexpected Liberal majority government.

This is bad or good or somewhere in between depending on one's perspec-

With the Liberals saddled with years of scandal, the election was the Ontario PC Party's to lose, and lose it did, in pretty spectacular fashion.

While he should perhaps be awarded some points for his upfront honesty, it was very likely then-PC leader Tim Hudak's bold promise to axe 100,000 public sector jobs that led to the party's demise.

In the wake of the loss, many PC MPPs complained, as they demanded Hudak's head, they had been blindsided by the 100,000-job-cut pledge, essentially forced to make it part of their campaign platforms.

Now, the electoral system in this province, and in this country, is flawed. Single-member plurality, the first-past-thepost system, is an anachronism, one that does not accurately reflect the way voters cast their ballots.

What Ontarians got was 55 per cent of the seats in Queen's Park going to the Liberals, 25 to the PCs and 20 per cent to the NDP.

What they voted for was 39 per cent to the Liberals, 31 to the PCs, 24 to the NDP and five per cent to the Green Party and one per cent elsewhere.

Within the partisan system, the fairest electoral model is proportional rep resentation, one the province, and the country, should have adopted some time ago.

However, political parties themselves contribute to a great deal of ineffectiveness to democratic discourse and, while the concept may at first seem outrageous, perhaps it's time we consider getting rid of them completely and adopting non-partisan legislatures.

While there are not many of them,

there are non-partisan democracies in the world. Within the United States, Nebraska's legislature is non-partisan.

Political parties turn politics into a team sport where the needs of constituents come second to the demands of the party.

In Ontario, we have the red team, the blue team and the orange team. There's the green team as well, but it's not allowed to play.

Players on each team are made to vote

in accordance with the party's policies. There are even members who carry the title of party whip.

Partisan politics mean, that at one time or another, all members have and will vote for motions that are not actually in the best interest of their constituents.

MPP Laurie Scott, for example, in the past voted against the expansion of a funding program for small

businesses.

Chad Ingram

Reporter

If Liberal candidate Rick Johnson had won locally, he would have been obligated to voice support for whatever OPP billing model the province enacts, whether he really thought it was fair or

It's just the way the system works. Constituents' needs are what politics is supposed to be about. But in an increasingly partisan sphere, it becomes about donning the party brand, staying on message and blurting out talking points.

Democratic discourse becomes a series of partisan attacks - think question period - rather than meaningful discussion about problems and solutions and the best way to allocate resources.

In a non-partisan legislature, coalitions would of course still exist, but they would be fluid, with alliances shifting depending on the matter at hand.

Remove the restrictions of partisan allegiance and politicians would be free to vote in the best interests of their constituencies, all the time, instead of spreading whatever message their leader tells them to.

Floor is hell

ACK IN THE OLD DAYS, when a man wanted to prove himself to the tribe, he would head off into the wilderness and slay a bear or mountain lion with nothing more than a spear or his own bare hands.

These days, he installs a laminate floor. This is further proof that the world is less kind than it used to be.

I know this now.

I don't want to make a big deal of it or anything, but on Saturday, I walked alone into our basement knowing full well that I might not return. While there, I faced every sane man's greatest fear - eight packages of laminate floor boards and a vacant space to lay them in.

A mere 10 hours later, when I emerged covered in blood, sweat and tears, Jenn was there to greet me.

But was there a parade or even a hero's welcome?

No. No there was not.

"Well, how did it go?" she asked, quite nervously.



Steve Galea Loon Tales

I held up all 10 fingers.

"Oh, thank goodness," she said. "I heard all the circular saw and the screaming and thought the worst."

"I cut one board three-quarters of an inch short," I said, misty-eyed.

Then, I looked off into the distance, as men who have undergone great, lifechanging events are apt to do, and whispered, "It's good to be home."

Jenn, obviously concerned, went back to reading her book.

"You've changed," she said later at din-

"Yes," I replied. "My work clothes were all sweaty."

As I write this, it has been nearly two days and the flashbacks are almost gone. Now I can look at that floor and not feel hatred anymore.

I still don't care to talk about the experience with those who have never gone through it. For, unless you've sat alone trying to join a piece of laminate flooring to two others in a confined, sawdust laden place, unless you've hammered your thumb rather than the block that came with the installation kit, you just wouldn't understand.

"The floor looks good now," Jenn said. "You want to talk about

I looked at her and just shook my head. How could I tell her about the horrors of it all? How could I explain the bitterness and sense of loss I felt after advancing to the seventh row only to realize I'd have to retreat to the second row once again to fix a board

So I phoned my buddy Tom. He had done two tours of flooring duty - once in 2004; the last time this winter. I knew he'd understand.

"You're back," he said.

"Yup," I replied.

"Be thankful for that," he said. "A lot of men never finish the

A moment of silence followed.

"You need to go fishing," he said. "Forget about it for a while."

"The thing is Tom, I ... I liked it," I blurted out.

"Steve," he said, quite concerned. "That's just the sawdust talking. Think of what you are saying ..."
"No, it's me talking, Tom," I replied. "When I was out there in

that brutal struggle, I felt freer than I've ever felt. No one - not even the instructions that came with the flooring - was telling me what to do. I did what I had to. I'm not proud of it, but I prevailed."

'You poor kid," he said.

That was yesterday.

Today, I'm not sure whether I would answer the call, if a friend said that he needed help tackling a laminate floor of his own. In fact, I'm pretty sure, I'd likely let it go to voice mail.

But there are times when I do think about the glory days. I recall the times when whole rows went together seamlessly. I think about those instances when my thumb wasn't being hit by friendly fire. I recollect the positive change that my sacrifice

And I realize that it was not in vain - now my basement is a better place.

Again, I'm not trying to make a big deal of this - although, between you and me, what would be so wrong with a little parade on the new floor?



pic of the past

oseph Henderson, right, and his younger brother Ross Henderson. This image was submitted by Denise Gandy, daughter of Ross Hender-

Joseph (Sapper) Henderson fought in the First World War, as a Canadian Railway Troop. He died Jan. 27, 1919 (flu epidemic, interned by St. Margaret's Church in Rill, Wales).

RIT J.R. Henderson, 18, was awarded a military medal for bravery. He fought in the Battle of Vimy Ridge and survived.

letters to the editor

Letter served its purpose

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the folks who submitted letters to the editor in response to my own letter to the editor a few weeks ago entitled "Get Your Priorities Straight, Haliburton." I thought that even during a time of a hotly contested provincial election my letter might generate a response or two, and I am delighted that it did.

Letters to the editor are a great forum for stimulating thinking and discussion, and that was the underlying intent of mine. That makes good food for thought going forward, and usually for the development of better strategies and solutions. I believe that the bigger picture subject of future development for Haliburton County deserves some serious thinking.

Obviously, others do too. The key point is that it be the right kind of development - one that is consistent with Haliburton's business and marketing strategy, and one which plays to its strengths and distinguishing offerings!

I would also like to thank those folks (many of whom I did not know) who telephoned their appreciation for putting forth this particular viewpoint. It seems that more than a few people concur with it. Whether a viewpoint resonates or gets people's backs up, only good can come out of it when people care enough to voice an opinion, or respond to one. A purpose is indeed served.

> **Don Ross Grass Lake**

Businesses to the rescue

To the Editor,

At the expense of sounding like a broken record I must once again extol our local businesses.

After June 30's heavy rainstorm we found ourselves at the bottom of a very steep driveway with washouts there and in our parking lot. Once again a local business cheerfully came to our rescue before lunch on July 1.

Thank you TMS Service for your prompt and excellent repair job. Thanks Mitch from a couple of old retired seniors for helping us stay safely in our own home.

> Joan and Don Cameron Haliburton

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Farquhar Lake cottager Mark Corker sent in this photo of flooding across Buxton Road, which leads to dozens of cottages on the lake near Wilberforce taken July 3. The water was so high that many vehicles could not make it across. While most of the residents who use the road are in Dysart et al, this part of the road is in Highlands East. Submitted by Mark Corker

I think the confusion is **Dysart does the** snow clearing on that road, but it's Highlands East property.

— Mark Corker

Buxton Road washes out leaving some stuck



Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village







ADMISSION





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Meanwhile, near Wilberforce, some cottagers and residents were unable to get out after several feet of water washed over Buxton Road, leading to Farquhar Lake.

While Farquhar Lake is in Dysart et al, the road leading in is in Highlands East.

Cottager Mark Corker said he was planning to go back home to Burlington earlier in the week, but ended up staying because his car couldn't get through the deep water over Buxton Road.

"It's right on the border line of Dysart and Highlands East and I think the confusion is Dysart does the snow clearing on that road, but it's Highlands East property," said

He said he was told residents would have to wait for the water to drain and nothing could be done about the road.

'We're on our last day of groceries right now," Corker said on Friday morning. He worried that if there was an emergency, vehicles wouldn't be able to get in. Later

that day Corker said the water had dropped enough for cars to get through.

Dysart director of public works Brian Nicholson said one of the municipality's patrolmen drove over the flooded part of the road and said it is passable for emergency vehicles. At the time, there was about six inches of water across the roadway.

The area that's flooded is actually in Highlands East. It goes into a big swamp," said Nicholson.

He said there was very little that could be done other than wait for waters to drain.

"We've got to let Mother Nature take her course."

Haliburton County Warden and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he had heard about Buxton Road, but was under the impression it was passable.

During a telephone interview from Toronto, where he was attending a meeting on county business, Burton said he had seen the road before leaving for the city.

"I was up ... and looked at it. There was

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Breadth of roads damage across county still not fully known

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probably three feet of water across the road," he said.

They were driving back and forth through it. It was causing a few problems with the electrical in the newer

Corker said residents on his side of the flooding had resorted to organizing rides, calling CAA to bring flatbed trucks in to tow cars over the water and using another access point on the lake to get

He was disappointed that local governments weren't able to do something

Highlands East roads superintendent Earl Covert did not return messages left for him by the Echo.

In Dysart, Nicholson just laughed when asked how many roads his crew needed to work on.

"I can't even tell you a number. We ran from one to the other. We had a number of roads closed," he said.

"As we sit here today, we have all roads open to some degree. There's still a tremendous amount of damage out

Nicholson guessed the storm caused about \$300,000 in damage and set back the normal work of the department, who at this time of year would be preparing the roads for new surfaces, replacing culverts and ditching. The department was already behind by five weeks due to the long winter.

He said the window of opportunity for the municipality to do surface treatments is only until mid September.

As Monday's storm intensified during the afternoon, the public works director was on the phone, calling in additional staff and asking others to give up their Canada Day to do repairs and assess-

"We have a road system that is roughly 320 kilometres long," he said.

"All in all, we probably have to travel 800 kilometres to cover out the system" including doubling back when drivers get to the end of the many dead-end roads. "When this happens, we come up with a plan and we disperse and it's a fairly monumental task to cover our road system to evaluate it."

Nicholson thanked the many contractors who helped out with fixing roads around the municipality as well as the staff who came in on holidays to operate the phone lines as well as the roads workers.

On Soyers Lake Road, Bob Elder had plenty of thanks for the Minden Hills roads crew that helped him fill in his driveway after it was washed away in a torrent of rain Monday.

"I could barely hold myself [steady] without being washed away," said Elder.

His wife Lorna Hayne has been at the house for 20 years and he has lived here 10 and neither has ever seen flooding as bad as it was last week.

"I've never seen anything like that." he said.



Left, Calico Road, near Haliburton Village off County Road 21, was washed out by severe rains on the morning of July 1. A number of roads throughout the county were affected by washouts. Chad Ingram/

Middle left, Jennifer Bain sent in this photo of major flooding in the Halbiem Crescent subdivision in Haliburton. Bottom left, Pasi Posti sent in this photo of Dysart roads workers filling in an eroded Illman Road, behind Sears off

Highway 118.

Bottom right, Staff from the County Roads department working on the collapsed section of County Road 21 on Tuesday, July 1. Zach Cox/Staff Middle right, A cascade of water rushes over Soyers Lake Road, eroding the driveway of Bob Elder and Lorna Hayne. The water exposed a concrete culvert (seen in line with the mailbox) that the couple didn't know existed.







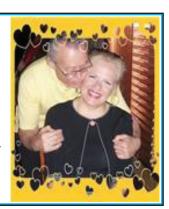




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"We offer spa packages to suit individual needs and also for events such as birthday or bridal parties," she says. The bridal party package can include hair, makeup and aesthetics. It features flowers for the bride, beverages and a light

"This is a very special day for the bride and we do our best to make it start that way," she says.

That thought extends to every client.

"Personal service is important to us. We take our time with each client. We're not trying to rush anyone," says Sharon. "Sometimes people just sit and enjoy the lake view after their visit. That's fine with us."

Sharon's clients are men, women and children who live and cottage here.

"We have a great client base," she says. "They're awesome people."

Sharon credits her "amazing team" for the high rate of return visits.

"My team makes this place," she says. "They're all very good at what they do; they have many years of experience and great personalities. We get along. We have fun. There's a real sense of teamwork.'

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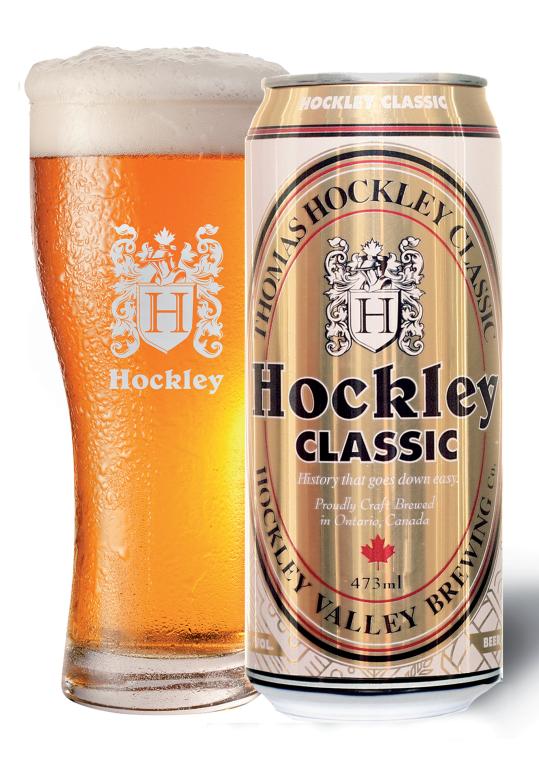




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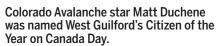
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Once the rain had cleared up on Tuesday, July 1, children in West Guilford were out in full force to celebrate Canada Day. Tug of war, horseshoes and water races were among the games played.



Zach Cox Staff

Wilson Ashyraya Rasho enjoys his Canada Day cake at the Wilberforce Canada Day celebration on Tuesday, July 1. The weather that morning didn't stop the festivities, as everything was moved indoors into the Lloyd Watson Community Centre.



Year on Canada Day.
Duchene, who was part of Canada's gold-medal-winning hockey team at the Sochi Olympics, was praised by education board trustee and former coach Gary Brohman for his character

and generosity.

Among the local organizations and events Duchene supports are Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton Youth Unlimited, the annual Scotty Morrison Tournament and Katie's Run. Last year, a local golf tournament organized by Duchene and NHLer Cody Hodgson raised more than \$120,000 for Minden flood relief.

"I grew up coming to this every year," Duchene said of the Canada Day celebration, explaining his grandparents lived just down the road. "I think I even sang in the talent contest one year." Duchene said he was honoured by the recognition.

Chad Ingram Staff





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Jon Pannewald grills up some grub at the West Guilford Canada Day celebrations July 1. Rainy weather meant the crowd was smaller than usual.



Zach Cox Staff

Clara the Canada Day Clown made an appearance at the Gooderham Canada Day celebration and had a number of games for children. One of the games had two people blindfolded and wielding water guns while the other children had to sneak between them without getting wet.



Zach Cox Staff

The kids weren't the only ones who gave tug of war a go at the West Guilford Canada Day festivities, and the mothers lined up to face off (and handily win) against the fathers.

entertainment

A trip back in time

Back in '59 is a high energy musical review built around the rock 'n' roll songs of the 1959-63 era. Performed by Léa Beauvais, Jaymee Fuczek, Trevor Gray and Andrew MacNaughton, the show was so popular a fourth performance was added. It wraps up on July 8. The Highlands Summer Festival continues this week with Great Expectations and then transitions to and then transitions to The Last Resort starting July 14. Go to www. highlandssummerfestival. on.ca to find out more or call 705-457-9933.

Photo by Lorne Campbell





Red Hot Ramble, the Toronto-based band that plays New Orleans style jazz, funk and blues entertained a full house at the Haliburton museum on Saturday, July 5. Roberta Hunt, Alison Young, Jack Zorawski, Glenn Anderson and Jamie Stager had toes tapping all evening as they played a variety of pieces. At one point strings of beads were thrown into the crowd and a bit later, some of the band members marched out of the museum with audience members in tow.

Photos by Zach Cox





Red hot

Above left, Alison Young alternated between playing the bass saxophone and the alto saxophone (and some tambourine) and was consistently stellar, with toe-tapping solos that had the audience finding it difficult to remain in their seats.

Above right, Jack Zorawski's acoustic bass was anything but

Bottom left, Bouncing about the stage area, Jamie Stager brought endless enthusiasm and incredible trombone music to the night's performance.





Running for a cure

Left, eight- year-old Erin Riviere Lett stands with Katie Woodstra and tells the story of her experience with epilepsy to the participants at the third annual Katie's Run for Epilepsy on Saturday, July 5. Both Erin and Katie spoke about their lives with epilepsy and thanked everyone who came out to support the event, the funds from which go to Epilepsy Canada's research fund. The event had a variety of raffle prizes, including a signed hockey stick donated by Cody Hodgson and a signed jersey donated by Matt Hodgson and a signed jersey donated by Matt Duchene. Bernie Nicholls and Walt McKechnie were present at the event giving autographs to those who donated to the research fund.

Above, spectators, volunteers and runners lined the balcony to cheer as participants in the 10 kilometre run and the 2.5 kilometre run or walk closed in on the finish line.

Right, Gloria Martin from Brampton celebrates as she reaches the Katie's Run finish line. This was Martin's first 10 kilometre run and she earned herself a bronze medal, placing third in the women's 50+ category.



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Plein air painting experience open to artists

Editor

For four days in early September, Highlands East will be the host of a plein air arts festival, geared to artists who thrill at the chance to roll up their sleeves, put on their boots and head into the great outdoors to paint.

"You're much more connected to something bigger and broader [when you create art outside]," says event co-ordinator Gary Blundell.

"A lot of artists in Ontario and beyond love participating in plein air festivals."

This will be the fourth year Highlands East has offered its landscapes up for the artists' brush to capture – and this is the first year the municipality has taken on the event.

Originally called A Brush with the Highlands, the festival was created by Tory Hill artist Tracey Green, who now runs Momma G's Tea in Haliburton.

When Green said she could no longer run the event, Blundell says the municipality took up the challenge.

Thirteen locations have been set for the festival including Centre Lake near Cardiff ("a stunning location showcasing raw Canadian Shield," the website says); the Irondale Church built in 1887 by Charles Pusey; George Earle Farm established as a homestead in the 1800s with an original log home; Furnace Falls; and the Schofield Road Dam, which offers the opportunity to paint rushing water.

"[Plein air art] is a longstanding thing people have done for the last couple hundred years," says Blundell, who is an artist living in Highlands East.

In the vein of the Group of Seven and the Impressionists, plein air art incorporates the experience of the outdoors - a very different experience from studio work, he says.

"You experience it happening to you as you create it," he says.

Thet Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival starts on Thursday, Sept. 4 and for the first two days, artists can access the designated sites, creating art.

On Saturday, Sept. 6, there will be a big party in Gooderham at the community centre with free dinner and refreshments.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, participating artists can bring their work to the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce for an art sale. Six pieces of art are allowed to be exhibited: three created during the festival and three past works.

The Ontario Plein Air Society is donating a cash prize to one artist at the end of the festival, who will also be featured in next year's promotional literature.

Blundell says the community and municipality have embraced the festival with sponsorships.

In order to ensure the festival goes ahead, organizers need registrations. Interested artists should check out the website - highlandseastpleinair.wordpress.com - or email info@highlandseast.ca or garyandvic65@ yahoo.com. Registration is \$100.

The website also includes a list of local accommodators.





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Tricia Savoie paints during the Brush with the Highlands plein-air art festival at the Saunders farm in 2011. The event was taken over by the municipality of Highlands East this year and has been renamed the Highlands East Plein Air Arts



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Canoe FM volunteer and member of the Radiothon committee Bonnie Roe and artist David Alexander Risk stand with his painting, which was part of the radiothon fundrasier held on July 5 and 6, bringing in about \$29,000 for the station. The artist in partnership with Elke and Peter Schleifenbaum of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve donated original artwork that brought in more than \$5,000 for the event. The artwork was bought by an anonymous buyer, who was proud to own an original from Risk, said Roe. Canoe FM was thrilled with the partnership with Risk and the Haliburton Forest, who were a pleasure to work with and are proud supporters of the station, said Roe.

Angelica Blenich Staff



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The Haliburton Wee Care day care facility and its 35 (preschool, toddlers and school aged) guests were celebrating the World Forum International Mud Day (actually June 29 a few days early), which encourages children to reconnect with nature through playing in the mud. This was Wee Care's third year it participated. Mud Day was launched in 2011. Mud Day was launched in 2011. Left, Wee Care children line up for water during Mud Day on Friday, June

Above, Wee Care Day Nursery aide Janine Cowen, left, sprays early childhood educator Jerica Bourque. Right, Wee Care Day Nursery assistant supervisor Tanya Cowen, left, reacts to Jaidee playing in the mud.

Photos by Darren Lum





Creative quilts showcased

Close to 600 people attended the fifth biennial Quilt Show and Sale from Friday, June 27 to Saturday, June 28 at the Haliburton Curling Club. Hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild, the event included 110 items.

Left, a Quilt Show and Sale goer looks at a Nancy Johnston original quilt called Tree of Strife valued at \$10,000 Right, some quilts easily dwarfed people.

Bottom, some quilts were small like these two (from top, Trish Miller's Darned Rodent, and the combined work of Marvella Smith and Jan Anderson's Memories of Home) guilts





Photos by Darren Lum

Sports

CJGA brings future here



The future of golf is looking bright if the 40 competitors aged five to 13 who competed in the CJGA (Canadian Junior Golfers Association) Linkster Mid Season Championship at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Resort are any indication. This was a three-day event from July 1 to 3. It included a skills competiton on the first dayz.

Left: Emily Zhu of Richmond Hill reacts to her drive on Wednesday, July 2 in Haliburton.

Top: Sergio Rollo of Milton, left, discusses the shot with his son Sebastiano Mario Rollo, 7.

Right: eightyear-old Andreas Diogenous of Cambridge watches his putt.

Bottom: Skylar **Kew of Burlington** finishes her drive.









Head Lake to host wakeboarding elite

Darren Lum Staff reporter

Local wakeboarders Jacob Hunter and Gavin Hicks are getting anxious to showcase their skills for family, friends and the public when the Sharpley Source for Sports Provincial Championships is held in Haliburton for July 12.

As part of the Roots Wake Series (see <u>rootswake.com</u> for more information), this local stop promises to bring some of Ontario's best wakeriders to compete in wakeboarding and wakeskate such as Kinmount cottager and perennial pro contender Andy Milovanovic.

Hicks is a local contender and appreciates the adulation, but also wants the public to come out and support all the

"It's great that people come out and not only just to watch me, but everybody," he said. "Actually, try to get more people to compete would be the best part."

Last year, Hicks finished second overall after winning the overall title series the year before.

The wakeriding veteran of close to 10 years can't think of anything more enjoyable than to be with his friends, learning and sharing whether it's a new trick or just some friendly banter.

Hicks remembers competing on Head Lake first in Rock the Wake. He doesn't foresee an end to his competitive days except if he had children.

A newlywed as of a few weeks ago, Hicks is definitely one of the older competitors in the series and has other local riders ready to follow in his wake.

Local Highlands teen Jacob Hunter is a relatively new

rider who is competing for the third time in the Sharpley.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student will compete in the novice male under 17 category behind a boat while behind a cable he will compete in intermediate, which is directly below the open division where Hicks will compete.

Hunter loves wakeboarding for how much enjoyment he gets from the sport and with others.

"I like wakeboarding simply because it's fun, and you can easily just grab a few friends and go! I compete because it's something that I enjoy doing, having someone push you to get better so that you can beat them in he next competition or even learn something new from others," he wrote in an email. "When I perform in front of family and friends my performance doesn't change, all that I want to do is just

His best finish in his young riding career that includes 14 competitions in Quebec and Ontario is from last summer. He placed second at the cable nationals in Quebec and a seventh place at the Canadian Wakeboard and Cable National Championships in Bala last year.

To prepare for this event, Hicks has hit the water to practice his routine. His emphasis has been on "using a variety of wakes" to be prepared for whatever lake conditions there are on the day of the event.

Hicks, who said the timing of the local event helps him reach his performance peak, uses Sharpley to prepare for the wakeboard world series Wakestock from Aug. 7 to 10 in

Last year the laid-back 26-year-old finished in the top 20

He expects to improve on that finish this year.

At the Canadian Wakeboard Championship last year in Bala he took the top spot in the Men's 1 (19-24 as of Jan. 1) category. This year he will compete in the open and the Men's 2 category.

"It's definitely going to be good practice for nationals," he said, referring to Sharpley's.

This is the third year for the series, which starts June 21 and ends July 27.

New for this year's series includes The Pabst Wakeskate

The first stop on the tour was a winch drop with Haliburton's being a jet ski and the Bala site will include a boat. This was to ensure "an even playing field and showcase all elements of riding" for the wakeskaters said series media contact Melissa Kurtin.

Also new is an intermediate girls qualifier where the top two female riders earn a berth to the Open Women's final.

A few weeks ago, 12-year-old MacKayla Petire and 19-vear-old Jenn Evans proved to be capable to ride with the pros, throwing down some advanced jumps.

At the recent fourth annual Ontario Wake Awards awards, he was nominated for the third time (without winning) as wakeboarder of the year.

"It lets me know that they think pretty highly of me and I've been doing well. So, yeah, it's awesome," he said.

Note: Younger brother of Hicks, Brady is expected to compete in the wakeskate competition. Logan Enright of Minden, who regularly rides with Hicks, is another local rider. Hicks said Enright hurt his knee preparing for the first competition in the series.









Above, Jill Moulton sent in this photo of a deer dining on her bird feeder in Ingoldsby.

Left, a Cecropia Moth. This is the largest North American moth. Peggy Henderson found it in her backyard in West



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Tammy Nash sent in this photo of a hare on her front yard.



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Festival performance meets expectations

Zach Cox Staff reporter

If great power comes with great responsibility, what comes with great expectations? If the Highlands Summer Festival is to be believed then *Great Expectations* comes with an energetic and immersive performance of Charles Dickens' penultimate

Taking place in and around the city of London, England during the time frame of 1836 to 1857, Great Expectations is a classic coming-of-age tale that follows the life of Pip, a young orphan living with his sister who has his world changed when he gets

adopted by a wealthy anonymous benefac-

The novel was initially published on a chapter-per-week basis in the publication All the Year Round, of which Dickens was a majority shareholder.

The performance presented by the Highlands Summer Festival is a dramatization of the novel and was adapted by Robert Johanson in a fashion that brings the vibrant characters to life.

Scot Denton, who has been the artistic producer of the Highlands Summer Festival since 2008, is the individual directing the play and a host of local talent makes up

Whether you have read the novel or not,

the Highlands Summer Festival's performance of *Great Expectations* is a sight to behold. Quick set changes, lighting and fog effects, elaborate sound design and more provide close to three hours (counting two 15-minute intermissions) of wonderful the-

The costumes and set present an immersive image of 19th century England, and the suspenseful story encourages the audience to look critically at their lives and what they

The Summer Festival's program suggests that the story's continuing relevance could have to do with the themes of redemption and being rescued from one's difficulties present in the narrative.

Great Expectations opened on Monday, July 30, and ran through the week. Three more showings are to be held this week, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, Thursday, July 10 and Friday, July 11.

For ticket information, the Highlands Summer Festival box office can be reached at 705-457-9933 or 1-855-457-9933.

Those who happen to be going to see the performance can do so with great expecta-

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Bob Izumi's Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Days

On Wednesday, July 2, approximately 100 kids spent several hours in Head Lake Park boating, fishing and more with the local Ontario Provincial Police detachment, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the MNR Fire Prevention and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association for the Haliburton rendition of Bob Izumi's Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Days. Point in Time, the Kinark Outdoor Centre, First Student bus lines, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, the Police Association of Ontario, Art Theberge, Minden Canadian Tire, Outdoors Plus and Spearzy's Wild Outdoors were all involved in the event, as coordinators or sponsors.

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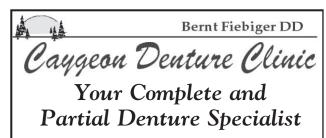
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Green leaves on the maple trees are large and healthy this year thanks to lots of rain that has soaked well down to the roots.

Many red maple leaves on Canadian flags were waved here on Canada Day.

Some braved the rain outside on poles, cars and buildings.

Others were dry as they were waved inside the Lloyd Watson Centre.

As rain threatened a decision that was

made early in the day to move the celebrations from the historic Outpost museum grounds to the LWMC.

Word quickly spread and quite a good crowd did celebrate our country's 147th anniversary together.

The Legion and LA colour party from Branch 624 smartly paraded in to main hall under command of sergeant-at-arms Len Crawford.

Bethany Houghton accompanied the singing of O Canada, God Save The Queen and that other favourite This Land Is Your

She also entertained with a number of



Bethany Houghton played the violin and led singalongs of some classic Canadian songs for an audience dressed in red and white at the Wilberforce Canada Day celebration. Houghton entertained the crowd with O Canada, God Save The Queen and This Land is Your Land.

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other Canadian pieces.

Flags of our provinces and territories carried by children and their friends were identified from west to east.

Then with the territories leading, a fine impromptu parade circled the room to great applause.

Refreshments including cake and ice cream topped off a gentle time of celebrating this grand country of ours.

If you missed being at the Outpost historic house on July 1 do drop by any day Wednesday to Sunday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. this summer.

Come out this Thursday between 1:30 and 4 p.m. for Lawn Croquet and Tea by the lake. Play a round or just have tea.

If weather is a problem tea will be on

Last week the ashes of the late Kevin Cameron of Edmonton were interred at the Wilberforce Cemetery.

Kevin who died in his 40th year was the son of Linda (Mitchell) and Blake Cameron. He was the grandson of the late Ethel and Owen Mitchell. The Mitchells were long time residents of Wilberforce. Condolences are extended to Kevin's family including his

parents, aunt Barbara (Bob) Murdoch and uncle Moss Billings.

The annual Penny Raffle with all its extra fun activities is on Saturday July 19 at the

It's open in the afternoon to get a head start on entering.

It will open again early evening to complete entries and do the draws. If you have items to donate as a prize leave them at Agnew's or the Bostonian Motel anytime soon. Proceeds this year will help out improvements at the Curling Club.

The eclectic market has been popular on weekends inside and outside the Curling Club from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The club is hosting the market there all summer except for fair and ATV rally weekends in August.

Vacationers in the area often worship at our local churches.

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Rain didn't dampen Canada Day

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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Garry and Ruth Cooper had a visit, the first in a long time on June 21 weekend with Garry's family Sally and Daniel with daughters Raven and Isis of Hamilton and Mark and son Cameron with his friend from Caledon.

Christopher Chumbley and Wayne Cooper are part of the cast in the musical and The Last Resort playing at the theatre from July 14 to 18 and July 23 to 25.

Guilford graduates known to me seem to be fewer and fewer by the year. However, here are the ones I know of: Tyler Barry, son of Norm and Adele Barry; Nik Barry, son of Ken Barry and Anka who now lives in the States; Tom Paul, son of Judi and Andy Paul; Stuart Searle, son of Steve and Darla Searle; Jamie Pyl, son of Rick Pyl; Anthany Nesbitt, son of Andrew and Charlene Nesbitt; Jacob Sisson, son of Wendy and Rod Sisson; Tristan Burke, son of Leslie Burke. Congratulations to all.

This is the year I turn 80 and my children have arranged for the party on Aug. 2 at the West Guilford Community Centre. Welcome to the party, which begins at 1 p.m.: music, friends, food and fun!

No euchre scores because of July 1 being on a Tuesday and the Centre being otherwise engaged.

Maple Lake United Church outdid themselves once again in serving two sold-out sittings of plentiful and delicious salad and strawberry suppers on July 5.

From Carol Stamp and Tanya Sisson:

The West Guilford Recreation Centre committee would like to thank Tanya Sisson and Sara Burtch for a great job planning and preparing for the Canada Day event. Although most events were either cancelled or shortened due to weather conditions, they still managed to keep activities happening throughout the day.

Also a huge thank you to all our committee members, community volunteers and Logan Roberts and Andrew Burtch for carrying on and making Canada Day in West Guilford a fun event.

The committee would also like to thank Gary Brohman for introducing our Canada Day citizen Matthew Duchene. Mr. Brohman's words of introduction are very true. This award is about giving back to your community, which Matt has done since before he entered the NHL. When just starting out on his junior hockey career, he

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made a point of coming back home and riding the bus with the HHHS boys' hockey team to an out-of-town game to give them his support.

Since that young age, he has continued to give support in many ways to various individuals and organizations in our community.

The Canada Day Citizen Award committee felt it fitting to honour this young man not only because of his Olympic accomplishment of bringing home the first Olympic gold medal to the Haliburton area, but to honour his ongoing commitment to his community.

Although the weather did not permit the opening ceremonies to be conducted at noon, they were held indoors just before supper. The flag raisers this year were Brady Burtch, 5, son of Andrew and Sara Burtch; and Beth Allin, 5, daughter of Guy and Bri Allin.

Event winners

Best pie - Laura Widale, first; Cheryl Cooper, second; Pat Bain, third.

Clarence Bain Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Dave Burns and Leigh Perrin, first,; Marnie Robinson and Steve Miscio, second; Eric Smith and Ken Garrin,

Oldest man - Carl Duggan, 89 years old.

Oldest woman - Helen Barkley, 89 years old.

Youngest boy - Carter McCord, seven days old.

Youngest girl - Lila Bryn Perry, two months, seven days

Grandparents with most descendants - Russell and Doreen Sisson (10).

Cross-cut saw - Christopher Chumbley and Tanya Sisson, first; Morgan Hamilton and Josh Boice, second; Sara Burtch and Lynn Morrison, third.

Best decorated bike - Gabe Love, first; Brady Burtch, second; Logan Tripp, third.

Although judging was not possible to pick the best red and white outfit this year, the committee appreciates all those who wore their best red and white outfits and cel-

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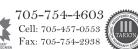
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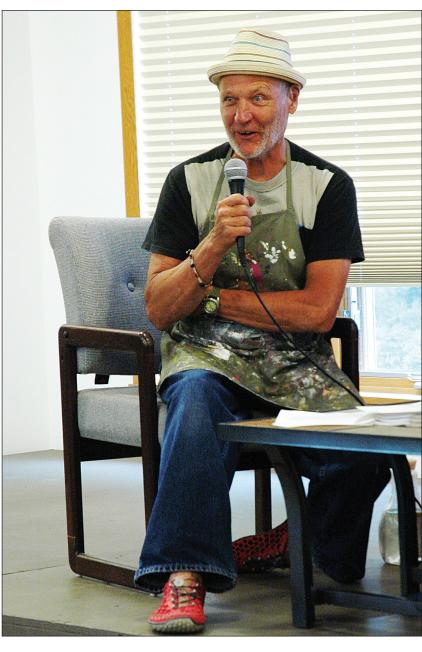


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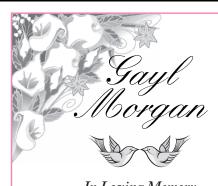
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520 THANK YOU



On behalf of my wife Lori and I, we wish to thank the many people who have supported us and assisted us with our Open House for Highlands Medical Supplies on Thursday June 26, 2014. What began as a dream is now a reality. We cannot believe how the Community has embraced our new store and we are overwhelmed with gratitude for your support and best wishes. We want you to know that we are here for you each and every day, no matter how small or great your need may be.

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To the gentlemen who assisted with the Foods For Kids Raffle Bill Wakely & Gary Brohman, Thank You. To Country Rose and County Sign for your assistance and with road signage for our Open House, Thank You. To Laurie Scott, Dennis Casey, Barry Devolin and Murray Fearrey for your kind words and for being with us, Thank you.

Words cannot express our gratitude to Susan Whitaker who has worked many hours to ensure things were just right for the Open House...and also Ron Bain who was Thank you! there when we needed him.

Dwaine & Lori Lloyd

520 THANK YOU

The family of the late Charles (Chuck) Hicks would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who were involved with his care during his illness and to those whose support has been invaluable during this time.

To the doctors at the Haliburton Family Medical Center and the Haliburton Hospital, especially Doctors Beattie and Suke and to Janet Bottum for her many calls. To the staff who always took the time to help with meds and make sure he had all the appointments needed. To Aimee Mansfield and her staff for all the help with the medications.

To Fraenzi Morissette, the nurses and PSWs that were such a big part of allowing Chuck to be at home as long as possible. We appreciated all the visits, kind words and gentle hands. To the doctors and staff at South Lake Regional and Princess Margaret - you are truly skilled

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Many thanks to Dwaine and Lori Lloyd and staff for making a difficult time a little easier. Your professionalism is beyond compare. Thanks to Molly Freeman for coming out of retirement for us, we appreciate it. Thanks to the pallbearers, Richard, Paul, Adam, Trevor, Larry, Rob, Calvin and Jon. To Harry Morgan, you truly captured Chuck's spirit with your words. To John Menzies, the music was perfect. Thanks as well to Brian Walters for his remembrances, we can just picture him teaching you to jump from bog to bog and laughing when you missed. To the Ladies and Men of Ingoldsby United Church, the luncheon was amazing as always. Nobody makes an egg salad sandwich like 'the church ladies'.

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